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**REP. HUKILL'S BILL TO BOOST FLORIDA'S
SPACE INDUSTRY WINS UNANIMOUS HOUSE APPROVAL**

TALLAHASSEE- On Thursday, April 16th, State Representative Dorothy L. Hukill's (R-Port Orange) bill to help keep Florida at the forefront of cutting edge space technology unanimously passed the Florida House of Representatives.

House Bill 69 creates a multiuniversity institute that will provide research and development of new space technologies. The institute will partner with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), NASA, and other Federal agencies in pioneering new space transportation technology and will work closely with academic institutions throughout the state to provide ground-breaking research. As NASA prepares to transition to the next generation of space flight vehicles, House Bill 69 will better position Florida to remain the world leader in new space research and technology.

"With the end of the shuttle program rapidly approaching, this legislation will create and save high-tech jobs in Florida's space industry," Hukill said. "This legislation will help keep our brightest minds working right here in Florida by providing for innovative research opportunities."

The bill has been cosponsored by 35 other House Members.

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